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REGINA MARIS - SAILING FOR K.N.S. TO AUSTRALIA

The barquentine Regina Maris will be following the route of Captain Cook's first voyage to Australia via Cape Horn. She will officially represent Kongelig Norsk Seilforening - the Royal Norwegian Yacht Club - in Sydney during the Cook Bi-centenary Celebrations in April, 1970.

Regina Maris will be making a Norwegian tribute to Captain Cook with her forthcoming epic voyage. She will be sailing from Plymouth about 10th/11th September and will return to Plymouth via the Cape of Good Hope - the total voyage taking about 13 months.

The K.N.S., which is also the National Authority of Yachting in Norway, will entrust the safe delivery of a Challenge Cup to Captains John and Sigfried Wilson - both K.N.S. members - to carry out to Sydney with them.

The Challenge Cup will be presented on behalf of the K.N.S. to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron for racing the new Olympic Soling Yacht class. A competition was held by the International Yacht Racing Union, for the designing of a new 3-man keel boat for the 1972 Olympics at Kiel, Germany. The competition was won by the Norwegian designer Jan H. Linge with his Soling yacht and Solings are now being produced under licence in many parts of the World. The Soling is the second yacht designed by Norway to be accepted for Olympic Class Racing, the first being the Dragon.

The Captains of the Regina Maris will also be entrusted with a despatch to accompany the Cup and request that the rules for the racing be laid down by the R.S.Y.S. This will be signed by Crown Prince Harald, who is the Commodore of the K.N.S. The patron of the K.N.S. is King Olaf of Norway.